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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF PROF. URI RA'ANAN

1. THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION'S PROGRAM ON CONFLICT IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS HAS AWARDED A SIZABLE RESEARCH GRANT TO THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY. THE AWARD IS TO ENABLE FLETCHER'S INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES PROGRAM, UNDER ITS CHAIRMAN, PROFESSOR U. RA'ANAN, TO IDENTIFY AND ANALYZE SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS OF CONFLICT THAT, INDIVIDUALLY AND CUMULATIVELY, ARE AFFECTING AND WILL AFFECT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM AS A WHOLE.

2. AS STEP IN THIS PROGRAM, PROF. RA'ANAN (PROFESSOR OF
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INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AT FLETCHER AND AN ASSOCIATE OF M.I.T. AND HARVARD) WILL BE EXAMINING THE CYPRUS DISPUTE

AND THE QUESTION OF OFF-SHORE OIL IN THE AEGEAN. FOR THIS PURPOSE HE WILL BE VISITING GREECE (ATHENS, FROM MONDAY, AUGUST 4 UNTIL AUGUST 12, CYPRUS FROM AUGUST 12 UNTIL AUGUST 14, AND TURKEY (ANKARA, FROM AUGUST 17 UNTIL AUGUST 18, AND ISTANBUL FROM AUGUST 18 UNTIL AUGUST 21-- HIS DIVISION OF TIME BETWEEN ANKARA AND ISTANBUL IS FLEXIBLE, DEPENDING UPON MEETINGS THAT CAN BE ARRANGED.)

3. RA'ANAN WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONALITIES IN GOVERNMENT, THE PRESS AND ACADEMIC LIFE IN ALL THREE COUNTRIES, TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS ON THE CYPRUS DISPUTE AND THE QUESTION OF AEGEAN OFF-SHORE OIL, AS WELL AS THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF FOREIGN LABORERS (PARTICULARLY OF TURKISH ORIGIN) IN EUROPE AND OF THE CYPRUS REFUGEE PROBLEM. THE EMBASSIES AND CONSULATE CONCERNED ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. RA'ANAN WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BRIEFINGS FROM EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

4. RA'ANAN WAS ADVISED TO CONTACT EMBASSIES UPON ARRIVAL FOR ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS. INGERSOLL

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